Production and export of Mica

†2467. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of mica produced till date during the years 2001 - 2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(b) the precentage of export of the total production of mica during the last three years; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines, production of mica (Crude and Waste Scrap) for the years 2001 -2002, 2002-2003 and April-May, 2003 is given below:

Production of Mica {Crude and Waste & Scrap)

Quantity in tonnes

Year	Mica (Crude) Quantity	Mica (Waste & Scrap) Quantity
2001 -02	2026	4069
2002-03 (Provisional)	1217	3401
April-May 2003 (Provisional)	175	533

(b) and (c) Production estimates of mica are made by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on the basis of the information furnished by reporting mines. However, mica is also recovered from secondary sources and tailings, details of which are not maintained.The statistics on export of mica include export of mica in all forms. Hence it is not feasible to relate the percentage of mica exported and the total production of mica. However, as per information furnished by Department of Commerce in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the total foreign exchange earned equivalent to Indian Rupees from exports of mica in 2000-2001 is Rs. 4160.32 lakh, in 2001-2002 is Rs. 5595.30 lakh and in 2002-2003 is Rs. 3984.48 lakh.

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